

**An Ordinance**

Councilmembers C. T. Martin and Jim Maddox

**An Ordinance dedicating the new City Court building in honor of Judge Lenwood A. Jackson, Sr.; to name said building the Lenwood A. Jackson Justice Center; and for other purposes**

WHEREAS, Lenwood A. Jackson, Sr. was appointed Traffic Court judge in 1992 by then-Mayor Maynard H. Jackson (no relation); and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson served honorably as a Traffic Court judge until his death; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Lenwood A. Jackson, Sr. created a system of arraigning and adjudicating jury trial cases that reduced the back-log and made for a more proficient method of managing the Courtroom; and

WHEREAS, his empathetic, yet stern manner fostered an atmosphere of honesty, respect and fairness amongst all who came in contact with him in and outside the Judicial arena; and

WHEREAS Judge Jackson died May14, 2005 after a brief illness; and

WHEREAS, he was known to be patient, even-tempered, and was always consistent and fair; and

WHEREAS, friends who knew him described him as "one of the hardest working, most dedicated jurists in the City Court"; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson, recognizing the need for upgraded court facilities, fought hard and tirelessly to bring the building of a new Traffic Court building to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council is desirous of naming the new City Court building in Judge Jackson's honor.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA,** as follows:

**Section 1:** That the new City Court building located at 150 Garnet Street, SW be dedicated to the life and memory of Judge Lenwood A. Jackson, Sr.

**Section 2:** That the new City Court building, located at 150 Garnett Street, SW, be named the "Lenwood A. Jackson, Sr. Justice Center" in honor of Judge Lenwood A. Jackson.

**Section 3:** That Section 2-2 Naming of public facilities in honor of persons which states that

**"No public building, park, park facility, public street, right-of-way, bridge or similar public facility shall be named after or in honor of any person, unless such person has attained the age of 75 years or has been deceased at least 30 days or such naming is a condition of a gift or grant accepted by the city. The city council shall not adopt any ordinance or resolution for the purpose of such naming unless it is placed on one agenda of the affected neighborhood planning unit(s), for informational purposes."**

Is hereby waived in this instance only.

**Section 4:** That Section 138-8 which sets out the procedures for the re-naming of streets and the dedication of public buildings is hereby waived in this instance only.

**Section 5:** That said changes be effective upon the Mayor's approval.

**Section 6:** That the appropriate City agencies, including, but not limited to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Planning and the Municipal Clerk are hereby directed to take such steps as are necessary to have the name changed on street signs, maps and other official documents and markers.

**Section 7:** That the Municipal Clerk is directed to send a copy of this ordinance to the U. S. Postal Service, Atlanta Police and Fire Departments, Bureaus of Building and Planning, MARTA, the Urban Design Commission and any other agency that may be impacted by this change.